

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014  
BOARD ROOM  
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, President; Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Clerk; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member; and Mr. Brent Lee, Member.

Also present were Interim District Superintendent, Mr. Michael H. Fine, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918
2. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
District Representative: Mr. Michael H. Fine, Interim District Superintendent  
Employee Organizations: Riverside City Teachers Association  
California School Employees Association
3. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)  
(1 Case)
4. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Title: Assistant Superintendent

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:33 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present to approve the initiation of litigation against Southwest General Contractors, Inc. for the Frank Augustus Miller Middle School Wing Addition with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Annette “Carolina” Gomez, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Patricia Beatty Elementary School student.

**GROUP PERFORMANCE**

The George Washington Elementary Dual Immersion Choir performed for the Board of Education.

**SECTION A – PRESENTATION**

**A.1 Recognition of the Martin Luther King Girls’ Tennis Team as a Recipient of the Riverside County Office of Education’s Academic/Athletic Team Award**

**SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES**

**B.1 Reports presented by Arlington, Martin Luther King, and Abraham Lincoln High Schools’ Student Board Representatives.**

**SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no requests received to speak to the Board of Education.

**SECTION D – INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Fine asked Mr. Steven Ybarra, Principal, Sierra Middle School to share the experience of the “real” Super Bowl that took place between Sierra Middle School and Riverside Polytechnic High School last Friday.

Mr. Fine asked Mrs. Gloria Cowder Director, Program Development and Extended Learning Opportunities, and Ms. Renee Hill to share information about the team visit to Houston regarding the District’s Personalized Learning Initiative.

**SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**

**E.1 RASM Presentation by Ms. DeEtte Allert, President, Riverside Association of School Managers**

**E.2 RCTA Presentation by Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association**

**SECTION F – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present with the exception of Item F.8 which was pulled for discussion with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

### **ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **F.8 Certificated Personnel Assignment Order CE 2013/14-12**

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present with the following roll call vote to approve Item F.8:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

### **SECTION G – ACTION**

#### **G.1 Secondary Mathematics Pathways**

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, 7-12, introduced Ms. Theresa Butler, Instructional Services Specialist, 7-12 Mathematics, who shared a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the two pathway options for secondary mathematics courses to be implemented in the 2014-2015 school year.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote approving the integrated pathways for the current courses entitled Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II:

AYES: Allavie, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson  
 NOES: Cloud  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

The Board members took a break from 7:25 to 7:36 p.m.

#### **G.2 REVISED: Adoption of the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 School Calendars**

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, introduced Mrs. Kiley Ybarra, Director, Certificated Personnel, who reviewed the revised PowerPoint and shared that the proposed Standard School Calendar for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 school years was being submitted for Board approval.

The following individual spoke to the Board members: Ms. Adriana Curiel regarding her concerns.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve staff's recommendation for the upcoming three (3) year calendar cycle that encompass the school years: 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 to stay the same as our current configuration not moving to finishing the 1<sup>st</sup> semester prior to the Winter Recess and direct the Board Communications Subcommittee to look at the Board Policy:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Lee, Lock-Dawson  
 NOES: Hunt  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

### **G.3 Superintendent's Search Process**

Mrs. Susan Mills reviewed the parameters for hiring a superintendent's search consultation firm.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present recommending that each Board member be supplied with the Request for Proposals and rubric, then the information will be brought back to the Board at a Special Board meeting and was approved with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

## **SECTION H – CONCLUSION**

### **H.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mrs. Allavie said that she had a wonderful experience at the first Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) meeting that was held at Nutrition Services. She noted that the meeting exceeded her expectations, and commended everyone that was involved. She said that the Board Operations Subcommittee was able to make significant headway in their meeting today in regards to the Riverside STEM Academy.

Mrs. Cloud praised Ms. Barb Libolt for organizing History Day and stated that there were a lot of outstanding students involved. She also attended the first LCAP meeting, she indicated that many people attended, and great ideas were shared. Mrs. Cloud mentioned Title I funding and requested that a future Study Session or information be provided on this topic. She brought up the topic of defiance in schools and questioned what the administration is able to do to help parents to show them that we are not ignoring the parents. Mrs. Cloud mentioned that the Riverside County School Boards Association's (RCSBA) Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2014, and that it will be held at Central Middle School.

Mr. Hunt reported that Mr. Fine spoke to members of the Raincross Group recently regarding the LCAP process, and that he also attended the LCAP meeting at Madison Elementary School. He commended Ms. Gina Airey and Mrs. Sandy Ramirez for their work on LCAP. He mentioned attending Arlington High School's Sports Banquet and discussed the perpetual trophy and REEF grant that were a part of the money that was raised due to the loss of Tyler Lewellen, Arlington student. Lastly, Mr. Hunt stated that the Board Operations Subcommittee meeting was very productive, and he requested that Mrs. Lock-Dawson consider placing an item on the agenda for the February 10 Special Board meeting to reverse the Riverside STEM Academy motion taken at the January 21 Board meeting.

Mr. Lee stated in regards to the Personalized Learning Summit that he cannot be more impressed with this District. He voiced his confidence that we will hear good news from the Gates Foundation. He mentioned his attendance at the Madison Elementary School LCAP meeting, he noted his excitement, that he is looking forward to the coming meetings, and he thanked Mr. Fine for his work during the process.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson discussed the LCAP elevator cards. She thanked the Board members for good conversation, debate, and decorum. She said that the LCAP process is a wonderful way for us to be engaged with our community, and that she is interested in other ways of engagement including coffee with the Board President or Trustee at a high school or word of the week as a blog. She suggested updates could be shared from the University of California, Riverside (UCR) or Riverside Community College (RCC) on how the RUSD is partnering with them. She indicated that she would like other Board members to think about these ideas; and specifically for the Board Communications Subcommittee to review these items.

## **H.2 Next Board Meeting: February 18, 2014**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 9:01 p.m., in memory of former RUSD Board member and retired lawyer Judge John Gabbert; Mrs. Billie Swegger who retired from RUSD; and Miss Miracle Berges, third grade home hospital student.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education